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Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for his time in the phone interview of June 9, 2004. In response to Applicants request to clarify the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, the Examiner explained that Applicants are required to elect a single oligopeptide sequence for the purposes of search only. The Examiner stated, and Applicants agreed, that should no prior art be found that anticipates or renders obvious the elected species, the search will be extended as necessary to determine patentability of the generic species encompassed by claim 63 in accordance with MPEP §803.02.

Therefore, in response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect the oligopeptide of claims 63-66, in which:

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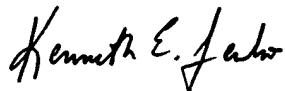
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- (i) the N-terminal β -lactamase fragment consists of amino acids 26-197;
- (ii) the N-terminal β -lactamase fragment contains the amino acid substitution (c), in which a methionine to threonine substitution is present at position 182;
- (iii) the flexible polypeptide linker is (Gly₄Ser)₃; and
- (iv) the first interactor domain is c-Fos.

Claims 63-66 are readable on the provisionally elected oligopeptide specified above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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